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TAGS: ENRG, UK
SUBJECT: TWO BRITISH OIL FIELDS ADVANCE

1. HMG HAS APPROVED DEVELOPMENT OF MESA PETROLEUM'S
BEATRICE FIELD IN CROMARTY FIRTH, BARELY TWELVE MILES
OFF THE SCOTTISH COAST. TWO PLATFORMS AND A JACK-UP
RIG WILL HANDLE PRODUCTION, WHICH WILL BE PIPED ASHORE.
INITIAL PRODUCTION WILL BEGIN IN 1981, LEADING TO A

LATER PEAK RATE OF 80,000 BARRELS PER DAY. ESTIMATED
RECOVERABLE RESERVES ARE 165 MILLION BARRELS. APPROVAL
IS CONDITIONED ON ACCEPTANCE OF A SUITABLE OIL-SPILL
CONTINGENCY PLAN.

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2. 30,000 BARREL PER DAY PRODUCTION HAS BEGUN AT THE
SHELL/ESSO DUNLIN FIELD IN MORE DIFFICULT WATERS 110
MILES NORTHEAST OF THE SHETLANDS. PEAK PRODUCTION OF
140,000 BARRELS PER DAY IS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE 1982.
ESTIMATED RECOVERABLE RESERVES ARE 600 MILLION
BARRELS. BECAUSE THE SULLOM VOE OIL TERMINAL IS NOT
COMPLETED, DUNLIN'S EARLY PRODUCTION WILL BE STORED

OFFSHORE.

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